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1. The Sunday peace drives sponsored by the Partido Comunista de Colombia to stimulate the campaign for collection of signatures for the Stockholm Peace Petition have been very poorly attended since the arrest of seventeen peace workers on Sunday, 10 September 1950.* Commando groups with names such as Mao Tse Tung, Dennis, Ho Chi Lin, Thorez, and Stalin have been organized by the Party to carry out the drives. Each commando member receives a slip of paper from Party headquarters each week telling him of the time and place of meeting (usually a street corner) for the following Sunday.
 2. The leaflets distributed by the peace workers claim that some fifty thousand signatures to the peace petition have been collected in Colombia. A source who has access to the papers containing the signatures so far collected has estimated that there are about seven thousand signatures from Bogota and several thousand more which have been forwarded from other parts of the country. This source said that the lists contain thousands of duplicate, fictitious or forged signatures and that there are not more than two thousand five hundred legitimate signatures. He further stated that it is impossible by this time for the Communist leaders themselves to tell how many legitimate signatures they have, but that they privately admitted that there are only twenty-seven thousand signatures from all of Colombia.

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